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SUPERMAN'S GIRL FRIEND

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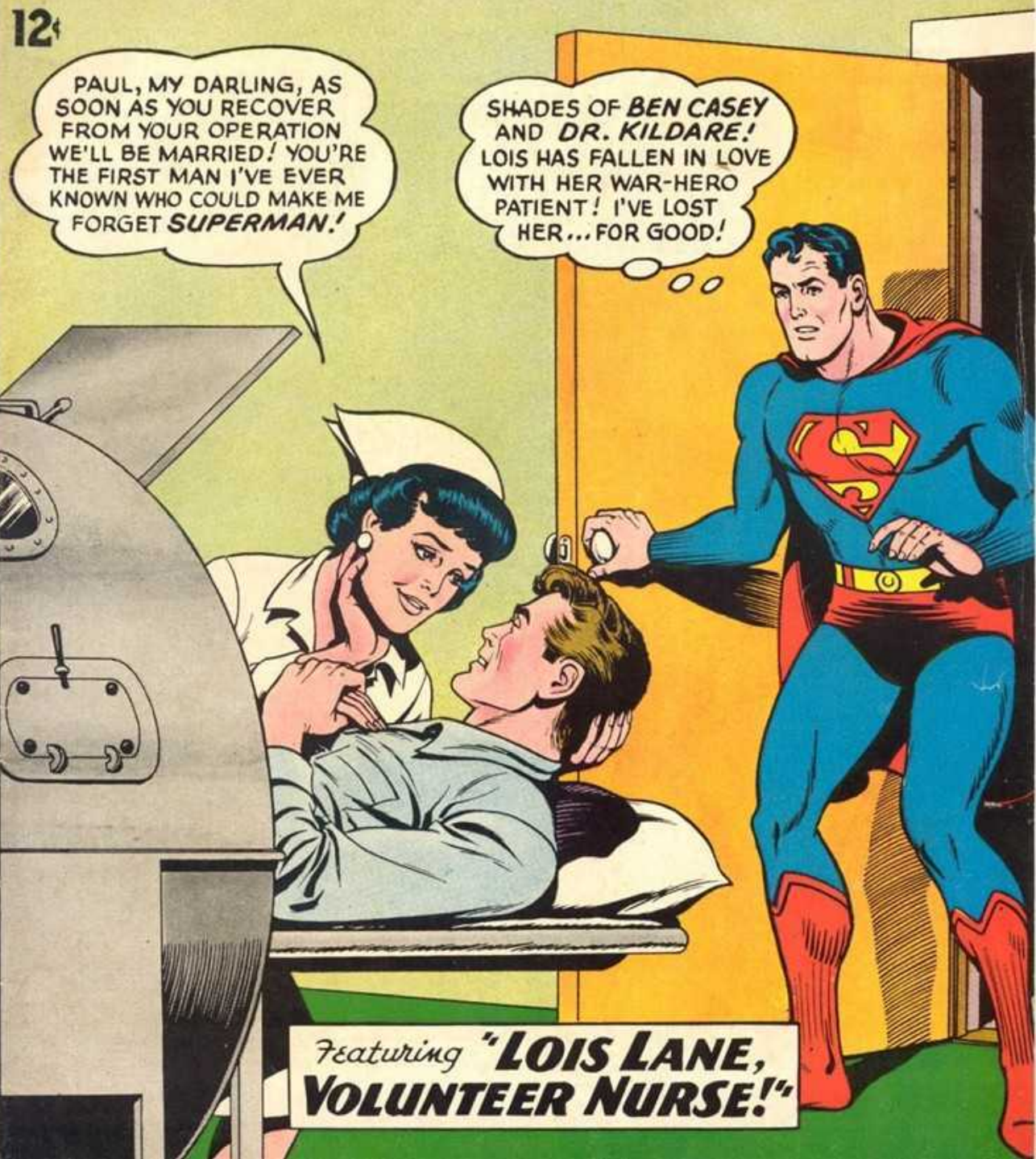
PAUL, MY DARLING, AS SOON AS YOU RECOVER FROM YOUR OPERATION WE'LL BE MARRIED! YOU'RE THE FIRST MAN I'VE EVER KNOWN WHO COULD MAKE ME FORGET SUPERMAN!
SHADES OF BEN CASEY AND DR. KILDARE! LOIS HAS FALLEN IN LOVE WITH HER WAR-HERO PATIENT! I'VE LOST HER... FOR GOOD!
Featuring "LOIS LANE, VOLUNTEER NURSE!"

BOYS! MEN!

MY SECRET NEW DYNAFLEX METHOD

CAN BUILD YOU A MAGNIFICENT NEW HE-MAN-MUSCLED BODY IN JUST TEN MINUTES A DAY—with absolutely NO weights—NO bar-bells —NO EXERCISE AT ALL!

Mike Marvel

Yes! If they LAUGH at you now when you take off your shirt—they'll be amazed —once they've seen the rugged DYNAFLEX BODY I can give you! I'll build you a tough massive body—shoulders clad with solid inches of he-man BRAWN. I'll give you bulging biceps, trip-hammer fists, power-packed legs, and a chest that will have you popping the buttons off your shirt with pride! (—says MIKE MARVEL, "Builder of Champion Bodies")

In my classes this same course of Instruction would cost $110.00.

ARE YOU WEAK, ALWAYS TIRED, LACK PEP?

Whether you're thin and scrawny, or sagging with unsightly fat — my secret DYNAFLEX method will cram pep, vigor and red-blooded vitality into your puny, exhausted body. Once DYNAFLEX makes you a two-fisted dynamo of manly beauty, rippling with power, glowing with magnetic appeal—you'll be bursting with get-up-and-go. Man, you'll be really ALIVE—tingling with zest and rip-roaring energy—for the first time in years!

PROOF!

"I tried two other systems, before my buddy told me about DYNAFLEX. It really works —and how! I've put two inches of solid muscle on my biceps, three inches on my chest. It's like magic!" L. C., New York City

"I never thought you could build terrific muscles without exercises or weights. Started DYNAFLEX two weeks ago, and am building a great physique." E. G., Detroit, Mich.

"DYNAFLEX is the best yet. Only three weeks, and I have more dates than I can handle! I am telling all my pals about DYNAFLEX." F. S., Chicago, Ill.

ARE YOU ASHAMED OF YOUR BODY NOW?

Pal—do YOURSELF a favor! Take a good long look in a mirror. Do you see a puny, starved body—scrawny arms—bony shoulders—a flabby stomach and skinny legs? Do they laugh and grin when you take off your shirt?

BELIEVE IT OR NOT—I can add solid pounds of rippling, steely he-man MEAT to your build. I can take those skeleton arms and PACK EVERY INCH with explosive virile MAN-MUSCLE! I can take that caved-in chest and build on six rugged inches of strong sleek MAN-STEED BRAWN. I can clothe your skinny frame with GIANT RIPPLING DYNAFLEX MUSCLES that will have them gasping with awe and admiration! And with NO tiring exercise, NO high-priced bar-bells or gym equipment!

Or is your problem a body sagging with soft rolls of unhealthy, handsome FAT? Puny muscles—sagging stomach—bloated face—arms heavy with layers of BLUBBER? Are you ASHAMED to go to the beach and let them see your "FAT-MAN PHYSIQUE"?

If so, wake up fella! THIS IS IT! I will peel off that fat and give you a lean virile DYNAFLEX BODY, armored with a sheath of hard tough handsome muscle. I can build you into a healthy, streamlined HERCULES—bursting with dynamic manly strength. I'll give you a taut rock-hard midsection—legs muscled like coil steel springs. I can pack solid DYNAMITE into your fists and give you a rugged handsome build brim-full of the magnetic SUPER-BODY APPEAL. And with NO starvation diets — NO fatiguing calisthenics — NO expensive health-foods!

HOW DYNAFLEX BUILDS BEAUTIFUL BODIES

DYNAFLEX is the modern miracle of body-building. It takes no tiresome exercises, "crash" diets, protein foods, and no weights or bar-bells. DYNAFLEX is the amazing discovery of a West German Doctor whose research into the science of strength found a thrilling new way to build GIANT BRAWNY MUSCLES in ten minutes a day. With DYNAFLEX you "flex" each muscle once—in a certain way—that is more effective than if you exercised that muscle 20, 30, even 100 times the old-fashioned way. With DYNAFLEX you get bigger results in ten minutes than after hours of grunting and groaning, hefting heavy weights.

DYNAFLEX coaxes each muscle in your body to bring out its round, steely fullness and satiny symmetery. DYNAFLEX packs that muscle with glowing vibrant new strength and energy—FAST. In ten minutes a day I can cover your bony frame with healthy rippling muscle—give you a deep, powerful chest—solid shoulders and iron wrists—tough, slim midsection—and trim, steel-spring legs—simply thru "DYNAFLEXING" each muscle once a day! There's nothing wrong with the bar-bell and weight-lifting method . . . but why bother? Why waste time and money, why sweat and strain your way to a streamlined symmetrical SAMSON-STRONG BODY—when you can do it better—bigger—faster—easier with the DYNAFLEX SECRET?

STRONG-MAN BODY THAT'S ADMIRED!

Be honest. Down deep you KNOW you envy the boy with the virile, magnificent build. Every man and boy secretly desires a broad brawny back, a solid man-muscled chest, handsome he-man shoulders, arms rippling with tough, steely sinews, a narrow waist, slim hips and springy, power-packed legs. Be a fellow with TWO-FISTED BIG MUSCLE APPEAL . . . they only laugh at skinny guys or "fatso's"!

Let me give you a glowing new body, brimming over with energy and irresistible inches of solid muscle on your chest—he-man appeal. I can build three inches of beef and brawn on your shoulders. I will mold you a handsome super-body of terrific strength, give you a crushing grip, legs crammed with steel springs. A lean taut rock-solid punch-proof midsection. Pack your body with energy and stamina that will help make you popular.

GIVE ME TEN MINUTES A DAY —THAT'S ALL!

After DYNAFLEX, you'll be able to roll up your sleeves and take off your shirt and, for the first time in your life, you'll be PROUD of your manly build. Yes, pal, say goodbye to your weak, flabby frame—get ready for adventure and romance with a solid physique that glows and vibrates with virile he-man appeal. You'll be really proud to have people see your MAGNIFICENT HE-MAN MUSCLES at the beach or gym. And, when the fellows stare with envy and jealousy—when friends crowd around to squeeze your iron biceps or touch your bulging brawny chest—when they ask in amazement HOW you did it—tell them about the Magic Secret of DYNAFLEX!

Your Pal,
MIKE MARVEL
"Builder of Champion Bodies"

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Fellows! Mail the coupon now, and receive Mike Marvel's FREE GIFT to you, this exciting and informative book. Discover a secret method for developing a new, almost MAGNETIC way of being attractive and popular! At parties, dances, at the beach—you will have the people clustering around you breathlessly, while the guys watch enviously. "What does HE have that WE don't?" they will say. The answer is in this exciting new book, your GIFT from Mike Marvel. Fill out and mail the coupon NOW!

MAIL MONEY-SAVING NO-RISK FREE TRIAL COUPON NOW!

Check as many of the boxes you want HERE—Complete System $1.98.

- ☐ Lose fat, be trim and solid
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- ☐ Lose fat, be trim, strong handsome
- ☐ Mold mighty back, broad beefy shoulders
- ☐ Build muscle on skinny wrists and arms
- ☐ Develop crushing grip, tuned-up punch-power

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Okay, Mike! Here's $1.98. Send me your COMPLETE (with no else to buy later) body-building course. I want to use your new secret of DYNAFLEX to win a HERCULES HE-MAN BODY in just ten minutes a day. Rush my copies of the DYNAFLEX SYSTEM and my free gift book "Secrets of Being Attractive" on your money-back guarantee in plain wrappers. If I don't develop a splendid physique and become more popular you will refund my money in full.

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SUPERMAN'S GIRL FRIEND LOIS LANE

WE ALL KNOW HOW LOIS LANE IDOLIZES SUPERMAN. FOR YEARS THE GALLANT GIRL REPORTER HAS WORSHIPPED THE MAN OF STEEL, CHERISHING THE DREAM THAT SOME DAY SHE WOULD BECOME MRS. SUPERMAN. BUT ONE GRIM DAY LOIS' VISIONS OF HAPPINESS ARE SHATTERED BY HEARTBREAK AND SORROW, AS DESTINY DECREES THAT LOIS MUST BECOME—

"The GIRL WHO MOURNED for SUPERMAN!"

REST IN PEACE MY BELOVED

SOB!! OH, SUPERMAN, MY DEAREST! YOUR DYING WISH WAS THAT I FORGET YOU AND MARRY SOMEONE ELSE! CHOKE!! BUT I CAN'T ERASE YOUR MEMORY! THOUGH YOU ARE DEAD, YOU ARE ENSHRINED IN MY HEART FOREVER!

Kohlfenberger

ONE STORMY DAY, AS REPORTER LOIS LANE HURRIES TO THE PLANET OFFICE, SHE MEETS THE JIMMY OLSEN FAN CLUB...

HI, MISS LANE! JIMMY PROMISED TO DEMONSTRATE HOW BENJAMIN FRANKLIN USED A KITE TO GET ELECTRICITY FROM LIGHTNING! BUT HE HASN'T SHOWN UP YET!

HMM! PERHAPS I CAN HELP! I STILL REMEMBER MY ELECTRICITY FROM THE PHYSICS COURSE I TOOK IN COLLEGE!

ON A NEARBY VACANT LOT, LOIS PERFORMS A FOOLHARDY EXPERIMENT...

ER...LOIS...MAYBE THIS IS A LITTLE RISKY!

NONSENSE! WHEN THAT LIGHTNING STRIKES THE KITE, THE ELECTRICITY WILL TRAVEL DOWN THE WET STRING AND EMERGE FROM THAT METAL KEY!

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BUT AS LIGHTNING STRIKES THE KITE, A COLORFUL FIGURE FLASHES IN OUT OF NOWHERE...
ZZAAPPP!
IT'S SUPERMAN! HE GRABBED THE KITE STRING AND ABSORBED THE ELECTRIC CHARGE FROM THAT THUNDERBOLT!

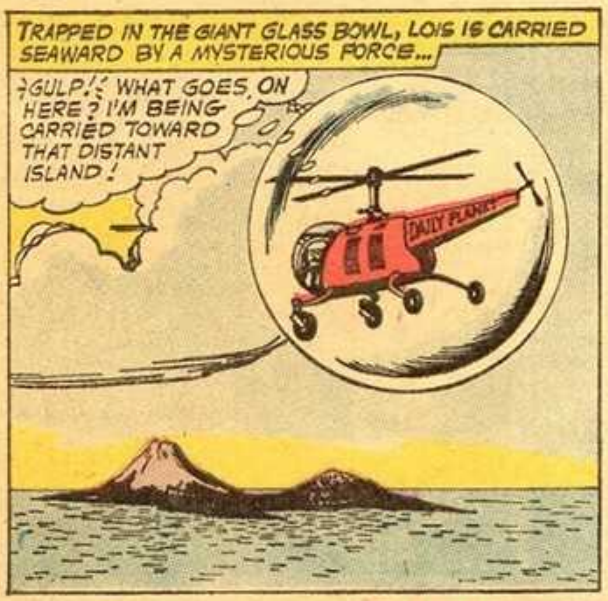
OF ALL THE HAIRBRAINED STUNTS! IF I HADN'T GROUNDED THAT LIGHTNING CHARGE, YOU WOULD HAVE BEEN ELECTROCUTED! LUCKILY, I WAS WATCHING YOU WITH MY TELESCOPIC VISION!
DON'T BLAME HER, SUPERMAN! SHE WAS ONLY TRYING TO HELP US DUPLICATE BEN FRANKLIN'S FAMOUS EXPERIMENT!

THAT CRUDE EXPERIMENT COULD HAVE COST YOU YOUR LIFE, LOIS! FOR PETE'S SAKE, TRY TO STAY OUT OF TROUBLE!
I PROMISE NOT TO BE SO CARELESS, SUPERMAN!
;SIGH!; IN SPITE OF HIS SCOLDING, I'M SURE HE LOVES ME, OR HE WOULDN'T COME TO MY ASSISTANCE WHENEVER I'M IN TROUBLE!

LATER, AT THE OFFICE OF THE DAILY PLANET, LOIS IS GREETED BY THE EDITOR, PERRY WHITE...
LOIS, AREN'T YOU SUPPOSED TO BE ON YOUR VACATION? I THOUGHT THAT BY NOW YOU'D BE UP IN THAT NEW BUNGALOW YOU BOUGHT AT PINE LAKE!
YOU'VE GOT IT ALL MIXED UP, PERRY! I'M GOING UP THERE NEXT WEEK!.. WELL, WHAT'S COOKING? I'M READY FOR AN ASSIGNMENT!

THE QUEEN OF MORVANIA IS ARRIVING AT METROPOLIS AIRPORT THIS MORNING! IF YOU TAKE THE HELICOPTER, YOU CAN GET THERE IN TIME FOR AN INTERVIEW, LOIS!
I'M ON MY WAY! NOW THAT THE STORM IS OVER, I SHOULDN'T HAVE ANY TROUBLE GETTING TO THE AIRPORT IN THAT WHIRLYBIRD!

BUT AS LOIS ENTERS THE HELICOPTER...
GOOD GRIEF! WHAT'S GOING ON HERE? THE HELICOPTER IS BEING LIFTED UP BY SOME POWERFUL MAGNETIC FORCE! IT'S HEADING STRAIGHT FOR THE OPENING OF THAT GIANT GLASS BOWL!


TRAPPED IN THE GIANT GLASS BOWL, LOIS IS CARRIED SEAWARD BY A MYSTERIOUS FORCE...
GULP! WHAT GOES ON HERE? I'M BEING CARRIED TOWARD THAT DISTANT ISLAND!
DAILY PLANET

PRESENTLY, AS LOIS DESCENDS...
WELCOME, MISS LANE! THIS IS LEX LUTHOR! I'VE TAKEN OVER ELECTRONIC CONTROL OF YOUR HELICOPTER RADIO! YOU CAN COMMUNICATE ONLY WITH ME!
GULP! IT'S LUTHOR, THE WORLD'S GREATEST CRIMINAL GENIUS, AND SUPERMAN'S SWORN ENEMY!
BUT, LUTHOR, I THOUGHT YOU WERE IN PRISON!

I BUILT A ROBOT TO TAKE MY PLACE AND ESCAPED HERE TO VENGEANCE ISLAND! HERE I BUILT THIS REMOTE CONTROLLED BOWL WHICH CAPTURED YOU!
LUTHOR, YOU'RE A FOOL! WHEN SUPERMAN DISCOVERS I'M YOUR PRISONER, HE'LL COME HERE AND FREE ME!

THAT'S JUST WHAT I'M COUNTING ON! YOU'RE THE BAIT IN MY TRAP, MISS LANE! PERMIT ME TO SHOW YOU MY LATEST INVENTION... THIS THREE-DIMENSIONAL PROJECTOR, WHICH WILL HELP ME DESTROY SUPERMAN!
GULP! LUTHOR LOOKS SO SELF-CONFIDENT, I WONDER WHAT FIENDISH SCHEME HE'S THOUGHT UP THIS TIME!

VERY CLEVER! BY FOCUSING THAT PROJECTOR, YOU'VE CREATED A THREE-D IMAGE OF ME IN THAT OTHER BOWL! BUT HOW WILL IT HELP TRAP SUPERMAN?
WE SHALL SEE! HA, HA! DON'T UNDERESTIMATE MY GENIUS, MISS LANE!
DAILY PLANET

PRESENTLY, AS LUTHOR'S CHALLENGE ECHOES OVER THE WORLD'S AIRWAYS...
ATTENTION, SUPERMAN, WHEREVER YOU ARE! THIS IS LUTHOR! I'VE CAPTURED LOIS LANE! RESCUE HER IF YOU DARE!
THAT BROADCAST! IT'S COMING FROM THAT PASSING PLANE! ULP! THAT MEANS LEX LUTHOR HAS ESCAPED AND IS THREATENING LOIS TO GET BACK AT ME! I MUST SAVE HER!

GUIDED BY HIS TELESCOPIC VISION, SUPERMAN LOCATES THE ISLAND, AND...
THERE'S LOIS NOW! SHE'S TRAPPED IN SOME KIND OF GLASS BOWL IN THE MIDDLE OF THAT CRATER!

BUT LUTHOR'S EVIL EYES ARE WATCHING...
CHUCKLE! THE FOOL DOESN'T REALIZE HE'S SEEING AN IMAGE, NOT THE REAL LOIS! HE'S WALKING RIGHT INTO MY TRAP! THAT CRATER IS MINED WITH A DOZEN BOMBS LOADED WITH LIQUIFIED KRYPTONITE!

AS THE FIENDISH LUTHOR TRIGGERS THE BLAST...
DIE, SUPERMAN! DIE!
BARROOOM

BUT THE POWERFUL BLAST HAS TORN LOOSE SEVERAL BOULDERS, AND...
BOULDERS...GOT ME! BUT I DON'T CARE! WORTH IT... IF I KILLED SUPERMAN!

MEANWHILE, THE FLYING DEBRIS HAS SHATTERED LOIS' GLASS PRISON, AND...
SUPERMAN! HE FLEW STRAIGHT INTO LUTHOR'S TRAP! OH, NO! NO!
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ANGUISHED MOMENTS LATER...
SUPERMAN! THAT BOMB INJURED HIM! I MUST GET HELP!
LOIS!... THANK HEAVENS YOU'RE SAFE! I'M BEYOND HELP! LUTHOR HAS FINISHED ME!

SUPERMAN! YOU CAN'T DIE! THE WORLD NEEDS YOU! IF CRIMINALS AND EVIL-DOERS FIND OUT... CHOKE!
NO ONE MUST KNOW OF MY DEATH, LOIS! THE PEOPLE OF KANDOR HAVE BEEN OBSERVING ME!... EVEN NOW THEY ARE CHOOSING THE ONE WHO WILL REPLACE ME! TILL THEN, YOUR LIPS MUST BE SEALED; MEANWHILE, A ROBOT WILL PINCH-HIT FOR ME!

LOIS, DARLING!... I'M GOING FAST... MUST SAY IT NOW! I'VE ALWAYS LOVED YOU... BUT YOU MUST FORGET ME... PROMISE ME YOU'LL MARRY SOMEONE ELSE! IT'S MY DYING WISH!
SOB!... I PROMISE, MY DARLING! AND NOW, A LAST KISS... CHOKE!... BEFORE WE PART!

SOB!... OH, MY DEAREST! I HAD SUCH HOPES! SUCH DREAMS! AND NOW THEY'RE OVER FOREVER!

SOON, AS THE SUPERMAN EMERGENCY SQUAD OF KANDOR BEARS AWAY THE DEPARTED HERO...
FAREWELL, LOIS! WE'LL BUILD HIM A MONUMENT IN SPACE! HIS FAME WILL LIVE FOREVER!
FAREWELL, SUPERMAN! SOB!... IT'S OUR LAST GOODBYE, MY DARLING!
HERE LIES LEX LUTHOR, EVIL-DOER, SLAYER OF SUPERMAN

HEARTBROKEN, LOIS FLIES BACK TO METROPOLIS...
I'M SORRY, PERRY!
I KNOW, LOIS! BECAUSE OF THE STORM, THE QUEEN OF MORVANIA LANDED AT ANOTHER AIRPORT! A BAD BREAK! IT COULD HAVE BEEN A BIG STORY!
WHAT IRONY! I HAVE THE BIGGEST SCOOP OF ALL TIME... BUT I GAVE MY WORD NOT TO TELL ANYONE ABOUT IT!

LATER, IN THE PLANET OFFICE, AS JIMMY OLSEN USES HIS SUPERSONIC WATCH TO SIGNAL SUPERMAN...
SUPERMAN! IT'S VITAL THAT YOU DELIVER THIS ANTI-RABIES SERUM TO THE MEDICAL CENTER AT ONCE!
ZEEEE-ZEEEE!
GULP! FOR A MINUTE MY HEART STOPPED! I THOUGHT IT WAS THE REAL SUPERMAN! JIMMY DOESN'T KNOW IT, BUT THAT'S A ROBOT HE'S TALKING TO!

BUT JIMMY NOTICES SOMETHING WRONG IN LOIS' ATTITUDE...
LOIS, YOU'RE ALWAYS SO THRILLED TO SEE SUPERMAN! YET NOW YOU'RE PRACTICALLY IGNORING HIM! AREN'T YOU GOING TO SAY HELLO?
ER...HELLO, SUPERMAN! I'M A LITTLE BUSY RIGHT NOW!
I'LL HAVE TO FORCE A SMILE! I CAN'T LET JIMMY SUSPECT THE BITTER TRUTH!

BUT THERE'S MORE TORMENT IN STORE FOR LOIS...
LOIS, THIS WAS CLARK'S ASSIGNMENT, BUT HE DIDN'T SHOW UP TODAY! THE VARDOR GALAXY WANTS SOME INFORMATION ABOUT SUPERMAN FOR THEIR HISTORY BOOKS! WILL YOU CHECK THE FILES TO FIND OUT WHAT HIS GREATEST DEEDS WERE?
I'LL GET RIGHT ON IT, PERRY!
I DON'T NEED THOSE FILES... SUPERMAN'S HEROIC DEEDS ARE ALL ENGRAVED IN MY HEART FOREVER!
FILE ROOM

I STILL REMEMBER HOW HE USED HIS HEAT VISION TO DEFEND ME WHEN THE ICE-PEOPLE EMERGED FROM THAT ARCTIC GLACIER!

"THEN, THERE WAS THE TIME WHEN HE STOPPED THE WAR OF THE BRAIN WORLDS BY ABSORBING THEIR SUPER-ENERGY BOLTS AND DISARMING THEM!"

OH, MY DARLING! YOU'LL NEVER DO ANY MORE OF YOUR MAGNIFICENT SUPER-DEEDS!... DON'T WORRY, I'LL WIPE MY TEARS AWAY! NO ONE WILL DISCOVER THE TRUTH FROM ME!

BUT THAT NIGHT, LOIS MOURNS IN THE SOLITUDE OF HER ROOM...
FORGIVE ME, SUPERMAN! I KNOW I PROMISED TO FORGET YOU... PROMISED TO FIND ANOTHER LOVE! I'M TRYING SO HARD! SOB!... SO HARD!
REST IN PEACE
AT BELOVED

ATTEMPTING TO KEEP HER PROMISE, LOIS DATES A NEW SUITOR, AND...
SO YOU'RE TWO-TIMING SUPERMAN BY DATING THAT HANDSOME U.N. DELEGATE, EH? I DON'T BLAME YOU, LOIS, AFTER THE WAY SUPERMAN'S BEEN NEGLECTING YOU LATELY!
A GIRL'S GOT TO HAVE SOME FUN, LUCY!
CHOKE!!... HER WORDS ARE A KNIFE IN MY HEART! BUT MY SISTER, LUCY, DOESN'T REALIZE THAT SUPERMAN IS DEAD!

LATER, ATTENDING A PARTY AT THE UNITED NATIONS, LOIS IS THE BELLE OF THE EVENING...
MY LOVELY ONE! YOU HAVE BUT TO SAY THE WORD, AND MY DUKEDOM IS AT YOUR FEET!
MARRY ME, BEAUTIFUL LOIS, AND YOU BECOME THE RANEE OF MAHADORE!

BUT SUDDENLY, LOIS FINDS HERSELF ALONE...
NOBODY'S ASKING ME TO DANCE! THEY'RE ALL WHISPERING... AND STARING AT ME! THE RAJAH HAD THE NEXT NUMBER WITH ME! I'LL ASK HIM WHAT THIS IS ALL ABOUT!

AS THE RAJAH EXPLAINS... IT IS EASY TO UNDERSTAND WHY NO ONE ASKS YOU TO DANCE, MY DEAR! THEY HAVE HEARD THE RUMOR THAT YOU ARE SUPERMAN'S SWEETHEART! NOBODY CAN FIGHT THAT KIND OF COMPETITION!
THANK YOU, RAJAH! AND NOW, IF YOU'LL EXCUSE ME...
CHOKE!! EVEN IF I WANT TO FORGET SUPERMAN, THEY WON'T LET ME!
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BUT A FEW MOMENTS LATER, A STRANGER ENTERS THE HALL, AND...
PERMIT ME TO INTRODUCE MYSELF! I AM THE AMBASSADOR FROM ATLANTIS! MAY I HAVE THIS DANCE?
I... I'D BE DELIGHTED!
I'VE GOT TO GET HOLD OF MYSELF! HE SAID HE WAS FROM ATLANTIS! BUT OF COURSE, THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE!

PUZZLED, LOIS QUESTIONS HER PARTNER, AND...

THE AMBASSADOR FROM ATLANTIS? YOU'RE JOKING, OF COURSE!
COME NOW, MY DEAR, EVERY CHILD KNOWS ABOUT ATLANTIS! WHY, COLUMBUS STOPPED THERE ON HIS WAY TO DISCOVER THE NEW WORLD!
ATLANTIS SANK BENEATH THE SEA AGES AGO! ITS PEOPLE ARE MER-MEN AND MERMAIDS!

PRESENTLY, IN THE LOBBY OF THE HALL...
ATLANTIS ON THE MAP? IT'S IMPOSSIBLE! I'VE GOT TO CHECK ON THIS!
THERE YOU ARE, MY DEAR! I'M AFRAID YOU KNOW LITTLE OF GEOGRAPHY!
EXCUSE ME, MR. AMBASSADOR, BUT I MUST LEAVE NOW!

IN THE NEARBY U.N. LIBRARY, LOIS DISCOVERS...
HERE IT IS IN THIS ENCYCLOPEDIA! ATLANTIS... AN ISLAND CONTINENT... ANCIENT CULTURE... SURVIVED A DISASTROUS FLOOD... POPULATION... 30,000,000! IS THIS SOME KIND OF JOKE? NO, WAIT, I JUST REMEMBERED SOMETHING!

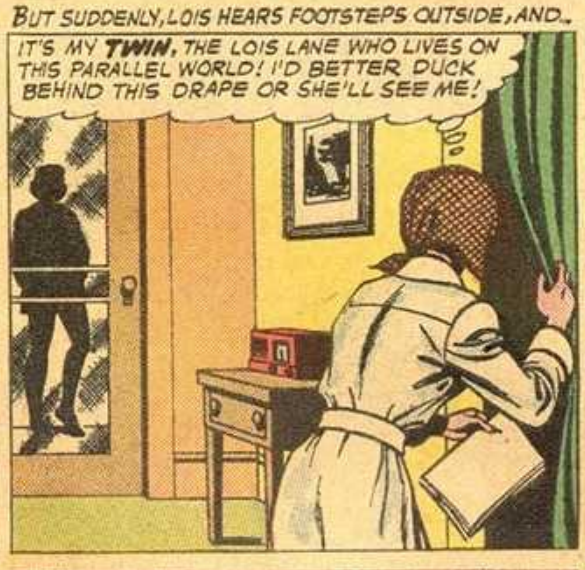
"YES, THERE WAS THAT STRANGE REMARK PERRY MADE TO ME A FEW DAYS AGO..."
YOU'VE GOT IT ALL MIXED UP, PERRY! I'M GOING THERE NEXT WEEK!
LOIS, AREN'T YOU SUPPOSED TO BE ON YOUR VACATION? I THOUGHT THAT BY NOW YOU'D BE UP IN THAT NEW BUNGALOW YOU BOUGHT UP IN PINE LAKE!

PERRY WOULD NEVER HAVE MADE A MISTAKE LIKE THAT UNLESS... YES! IT ALL FITS IN WITH THIS STRANGE WORLD HISTORY I SEE HERE! SOMEHOW I MUST'VE SLIPPED THROUGH AN UNSEEN BARRIER INTO A PARALLEL UNIVERSE! THIS PLANET IS AN EXACT TWIN OF THE ONE I REALLY LIVE IN... AND THE SUPERMAN AND LUTHOR WHO DIED ARE TWINS OF THE ONES I KNOW ON MY EARTH! GREAT GRIEF— I JUST REALIZED THERE MUST BE ANOTHER LOIS ON THIS PARALLEL WORLD! A DUPLICATE OF MYSELF! ;CHOKE!; I MUST SEE HER AND TELL HER WHAT HAPPENED!

THE NEXT MORNING, AS A CAR ARRIVES AT A MOUNTAIN RESORT...
THERE IT IS! ;GULP!; THAT LITTLE BUNGALOW IS THE EXACT DUPLICATE OF THE ONE I BOUGHT IN MY OWN WORLD! IF MY GUESS IS RIGHT, MY TWIN LOIS IS AROUND HERE, TOO!

THE DOOR'S OPEN! NO ONE'S INSIDE! I GUESS THE OTHER LOIS MUST HAVE GONE SWIMMING BEFORE THE RAIN STARTED! I'LL JUST SLIP IN AND LOOK AROUND!

}GASP!{ IT'S FURNISHED EXACTLY LIKE MY OWN BUNGALOW! SOUVENIRS... PICTURES OF SUPERMAN... EVEN THE ELECTRIC TYPEWRITER IS JUST LIKE MINE! AND THIS OTHER LOIS IS WRITING SUPERMAN'S LIFE STORY, JUST AS I PLAN TO DO!


BUT SUDDENLY, LOIS HEARS FOOTSTEPS OUTSIDE, AND..
IT'S MY TWIN, THE LOIS LANE WHO LIVES ON THIS PARALLEL WORLD! I'D BETTER DUCK BEHIND THIS DRAPE OR SHE'LL SEE ME!

CHOKING WITH EMOTION, LOIS WATCHES HER TWIN TURN ON THE NEWS BROADCAST...
...AND SO THE DISASTER WAS AVERTED WHEN SUPERMAN SAVED THE HAWAIIAN ISLANDS BY FREEZING THE HUGE TIDAL WAVE WITH HIS SUPER-BREATH!
MY HERO! HE'S WONDERFUL!
POOR KID! SHE'S LIVING IN A FOOL'S PARADISE! SHE DOESN'T KNOW THAT THE REAL SUPERMAN'S DEAD AND THAT THE SUPER-DEED WAS DONE BY A ROBOT!

PRESENTLY, AS THE TWIN LOIS LEAVES THE ROOM...
MAYBE I OUGHT TO TELL HER THE TRUTH! }GULP!{ BUT I HAVEN'T THE HEART! I... I'LL JUST SLIP OUT WHILE SHE'S DRESSING IN THE BEDROOM!

BUT AS LOIS PASSES THE TYPEWRITER...
THAT GLASS OF WATER! IT SPLASHED ON THE ELECTRIC TYPEWRITER! IT'S GOING TO SHORT-CIRCUIT...
ZZZAAPP!

AN INSTANT LATER, LOIS FINDS HERSELF IN HER OWN WORLD...
EVERYTHING'S ALL RIGHT, LOIS! YOU COULD HAVE BEEN KILLED BY LIGHTNING, BUT I SAVED YOU FROM THE RESULTS OF THAT FOOLISH EXPERIMENT BY GROUNDING THE WET KITE STRING!
IT WAS A RISKY THING TO DO, LOIS! WE SHOULDN'T HAVE ALLOWED IT!

LOIS IS MOMENTARILY CONFUSED, BUT...
CHOKE! WAS IT ALL A DREAM? A NIGHTMARE I HAD WHILE I WAS UNCONSCIOUS? NO! I STILL HAVE THAT TYPEWRITTEN SHEET I PICKED UP IN THAT PARALLEL WORLD! THE LIGHTNING BOLT MUST HAVE CREATED A WARP IN TIME AND SPACE PERMITTING ME TO SLIP THROUGH! AND A SHORT CIRCUIT IN THAT ELECTRIC TYPEWRITER HURLED ME BACK AGAIN!
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AS SUPERMAN DEPARTS...
GOODBYE, LOIS! AND FOR PETE'S SAKE, TRY TO AVOID ANY MORE OF THOSE HAIR-BRAINED STUNTS OF YOURS!
GOODBYE, SUPERMAN!
SCOLD ME! SAY ANYTHING YOU LIKE, MY DEAREST! BUT AT LEAST YOU'RE ALIVE IN THIS DIMENSION! I'M SO MUCH LUCKIER THAN THAT OTHER LOIS IN THE TWIN WORLD I JUST LEFT!
The End

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LATE ONE AFTERNOON, IN THE OFFICE OF PERRY WHITE, EDITOR OF THE PLANET...
HURRY UP IF YOU WANT ME TO SNAP THIS PICTURE, JIMMY! I'VE VOLUNTEERED AS A NURSE'S AIDE IN MY SPARE EVENINGS AND I'VE GOT TO BE THERE IN AN HOUR!
IN A SECOND, LOIS! THIS BALL AND CHAIN STUFF SHOULD LOOK GREAT WITH MY SUNDAY ARTICLE ON OBSOLETE PRISON CUSTOMS!

BUT AS FATE HAS IT, THE DOOR IS FLUNG OPEN, AND PERRY WHITE STRIDES IN...
PERRY! WATCH OUT!
OMIGOSH! H-HE'S TRIPPED OVER THE CHAIN...
OWWW!

SHORTLY...
GOLLY! IT LOOKS TO ME LIKE A BROKEN LEG! JIMMY... PHONE A DOCTOR!
IDIOT! SINCE WHEN IS MY OFFICE A PHOTOGRAPHY STUDIO? ...GROAN!... Y-YOU'LL PAY FOR THIS, JAMES OLSEN! I'LL CUT YOUR SALARY IN HALF!

AS THE DOCTOR ARRIVES...
IT'S A BREAK, ALL RIGHT! YOU'LL HAVE TO BE HOSPITALIZED SO I CAN RESET THE BONE!
CRRACKK!
GREAT CAESAR'S GHOST! I CAN'T GO TO ANY GOSH-DARN HOSPITAL! I'VE GOT A NEWSPAPER TO GET OUT--OWWWW!

NOW YOU'VE REALLY GOT TO GO! YOU'VE JUST BROKEN YOUR HAND!
SEE WHAT COMES OF HAVING A BAD TEMPER, PERRY? WELL, I MUST RUSH TO THE HOSPITAL MYSELF!
I ONLY HOPE I DON'T HAVE YOU FOR A PATIENT, YOU CANTANKEROUS OLD SLAVE-DRIVER!

PRESENTLY, WHEN THE STRETCHER-BEARERS SHOW UP...
MERE BROKEN BONES CAN'T PUT ME OUT OF COMMISSION! I'LL RUN THIS PAPER FROM THE HOSPITAL! KENT, I WANT MY HOSPITAL ROOM CONVERTED INTO AN OFFICE! SEND IN DICTAPHONES, A TELETYPE, TWO SECRETARIES... THE WORKS!
YES, CHIEF!

LATER THAT EVENING, AS VOLUNTEER NURSE LOIS LANE MAKES HER ROUNDS...
DON'T WORRY, HONEY... YOU WON'T FALL! IF YOU KEEP EXERCISING THOSE WEAK LEG MUSCLES, YOU'LL BE WALKING FINE IN NO TIME!
THANK YOU, MISS LANE! WITH YOU TO ENCOURAGE ME, I'M SURE I'LL MAKE IT!

THEN, IN THE CHILDREN'S WARD...
GOLLY, MISS LANE, YOU DIDN'T FORGET TO ASK SUPERMAN FOR AN AUTOGRAPHED POSTER!
NOPE! SEE WHAT SUPERMAN WROTE TO ALL OF YOU?
To the Children in Ward C... Get Well Soon! Fondly, Superman

PRESENTLY, IN ANOTHER PATIENT'S ROOM, AS LOIS READS THE NEWSPAPER TO HIM...
"...AND SO THE 14-KARAT GANG, WHICH SPECIALIZES IN STEALING RARE AND UNUSUAL LOOT, PULLED ANOTHER INGENIOUS ROBBERY!
GEE! I WONDER WHO THE MASTERMIND IS?
DAILY PLANET
LATER, LOIS MEETS CLARK KENT OUTSIDE PERRY'S SUITE...
PSSTT... CLARK! HOW'S POOR JIMMY DOING?
PERRY HASN'T FORGIVEN HIM YET! HE'S DEMOTED JIMMY TO COPY BOY! BUT YOU MUST GET A LOAD OF PERRY'S NEW "OFFICE"! HE'S INSTALLED EVERYTHING HERE FROM A TELETYPE TO A SWITCH—BOARD!
PERRY WHI EDITOR DAILY PLAN
AMAZING! YOU DON'T KNOW WHEN TO QUIT!
A NEWSPAPERMAN NEVER QUITS! CLARK, DROP EVERYTHING AND CONCENTRATE ON THE 14-KARAT GANG! PHONE ME THE INSTANT YOU PICK UP A LEAD!... NOW GET MOVING!
YES, CHIEF! SO LONG, LOIS!
HMM... YOU HAVEN'T EATEN A THING!
BAH! WHO CAN EAT THIS SLOP! I'D RATHER STARVE!... HEY, WHAT'RE YOU DOING HERE? YOU CAN'T BRING IN THAT IRON LUNG! THIS IS A PRIVATE SUITE!
SHORTLY AFTER LOIS LEAVES, AND LT. HUNT IS GIVEN A SEDATIVE...
SHH, MR. WHITE! WHEN I LEARNED YOU WERE A PATIENT HERE, I INSISTED ON LT. HUNT SHARING THE ROOM WITH YOU! I'LL EXPLAIN WHEN WE'RE ALONE!
HMM... THIS PATIENT SURE IS GOOD-LOOKING! I WONDER WHAT HAPPENED TO MAKE HIM WIND UP IN AN IRON LUNG?
MR. WHITE, I'M SURGEON-GENERAL BLAIR, ATTACHED TO THE PENTAGON! AS AMERICA'S MOST RESPECTED EDITOR, I KNOW YOU CAN KEEP A TOP MILITARY SECRET! THIS X-RAY WILL EXPLAIN WHY THE PENTAGON COULDN'T BRING LT. HUNT TO A PUBLIC OR ARMY HOSPITAL!
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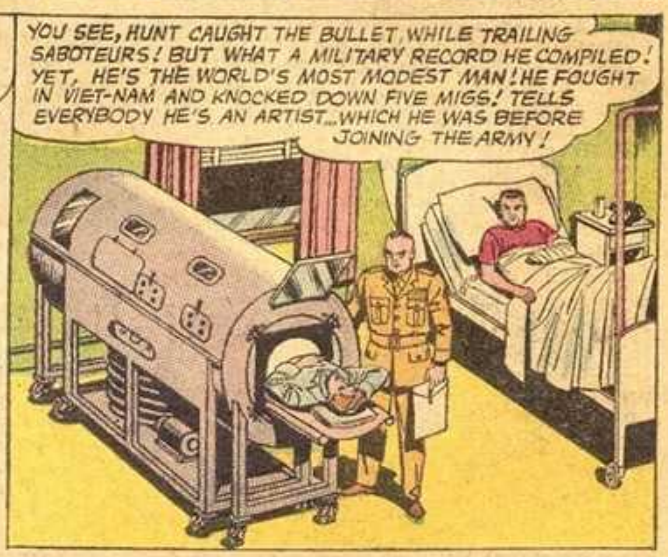
SEE THAT STRANGE BULLET IN THE LUNG AREA? IT'S MADE OF A SECRET ALLOY AND WAS FIRED BY A FOREIGN AGENT FROM A REVOLVER WHICH HAS A RANGE OF FIVE MILES! THAT'S WHY THE PENTAGON HAD ME TAKE HUNT TO A PRIVATE HOSPITAL WHERE NO ENEMY SPIES WOULD DREAM OF LOOKING FOR HIM! IF THEY FOUND HIM, THEY'D WANT TO REMOVE THE BULLET BEFORE OUR SCIENTISTS CAN STUDY IT!

THE BULLET, AS YOU SAW, IS LODGED IN A VITAL SPOT, AFFECTING HUNT'S ABILITY TO BREATHE! THAT'S WHY HE NEEDS THIS IRON LUNG! BUT IF ANY AMERICAN SURGEON TRIED TO EXTRACT THIS BULLET, HUNT WOULD DIE ON THE OPERATING TABLE!
THEN HOW WILL YOU GET IT OUT?

THERE'S ONLY ONE PHYSICIAN... DR. RIVERA IN MEXICO CITY... WHO CAN PERFORM THIS OPERATION SUCCESSFULLY! AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, LT. HUNT MUST BE FLOWN THERE. IF HUNT DIES, THE C.I.A WILL LOSE ITS FINEST UNDERCOVER MAN!


YOU SEE, HUNT CAUGHT THE BULLET WHILE TRAILING SABOTEURS! BUT WHAT A MILITARY RECORD HE COMPILED! YET, HE'S THE WORLD'S MOST MODEST MAN! HE FOUGHT IN VIET-NAM AND KNOCKED DOWN FIVE MIGS! TELLS EVERYBODY HE'S AN ARTIST... WHICH HE WAS BEFORE JOINING THE ARMY!

SO DO ME A FAVOR, WHITE! KEEP AN EYE ON HUNT WHENEVER I'M OUT CHECKING WITH THE PENTAGON AND ARRANGING FOR HIS FLIGHT TO DR. RIVERA!
YOU CAN COUNT ON ME, GENERAL!

THAT NIGHT, AS LOIS COMPLETES HER ROUNDS AND CHECKS ON PERRY'S ROOM-MATE...
OHH! HIS EYES ARE OPENING!
GOSH! I-I WAS JUST DREAMING OF AN ANGEL... AND HERE SHE IS... ALIVE... STANDING BEFORE ME...

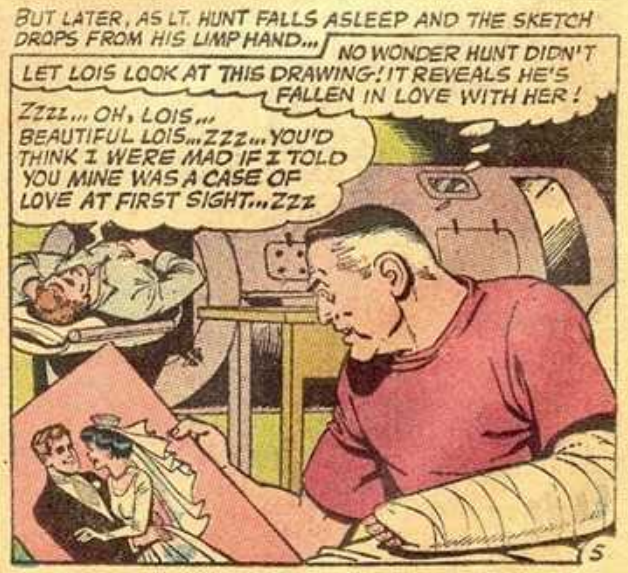
GOLLY, HE'S SO HANDSOME, HE'S MAKING MY HEART DO FLIP-FLOPS!
PLEASE, LIEUTENANT... YOU NEED REST! GO BACK TO SLEEP!
ALL RIGHT! I'LL LET YOU GO ON ONE CONDITION -- THAT YOU RETURN TOMORROW WITH THE SAME TWINKLE IN YOUR EYES AND THE SAME ADORABLE SMILE!

THEN, AS LT. HUNT DROPS OFF TO SLEEP AGAIN...
DARN IT, PERRY! WHY DO ALL THE INTERESTING MEN I MEET HAVE SOMETHING WRONG WITH THEM? SUPERMAN CAN'T MARRY ME BECAUSE OF HIS RESPONSIBILITIES, AND LT. HUNT IS HOVERING BETWEEN LIFE AND DEATH!
LOIS LIKES HUNT! BUT SHE HAS NO IDEA HOW GREAT A HERO HE IS!

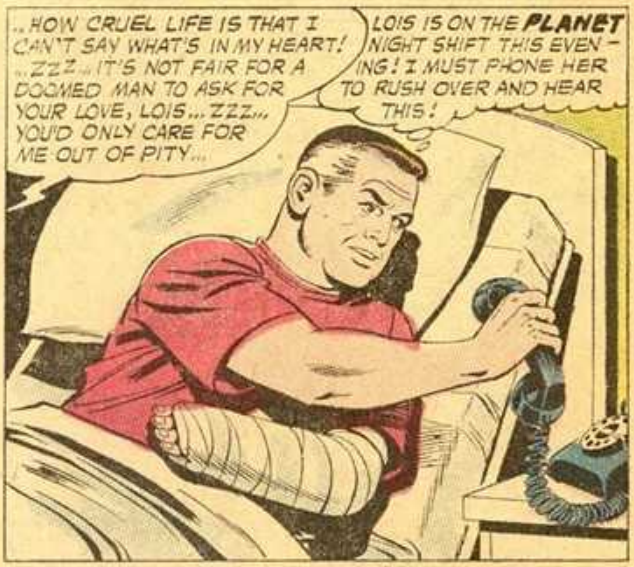
NEXT DAY, AS LOIS GIVES LT. HUNT A SPONGE BATH...
NURSE, MEETING YOU IS THE BEST THING THAT EVER HAPPENED TO ME! AND TO THINK IT TOOK AN IRON LUNG TO BRING US TOGETHER! HOW BITTER TO FIND WHAT I'VE BEEN LOOKING FOR ALL MY LIFE, JUST WHEN MY LIFE IS ENDING!
HUSH! SOME DAY YOU'LL BE OUT OF THIS LUNG... AND IT'LL ONLY SEEM LIKE A BAD MEMORY!

THAT NIGHT, AS LOIS VISITS HER PATIENT AGAIN...
THANKS FOR BRINGING ME THIS DRAWING PAPER AND PEN, MISS LANE! BUT DON'T LEAVE! I LOVE TALKING TO YOU...
I'LL BE FINISHED IN AN HOUR! THEN WE'LL CHAT ALL YOU LIKE!
HE'S SO CHARMING!

LATER...
GOSH, YOU'VE BEEN BUSY! YOUR DRAWINGS ARE BEAUTIFUL... BUT THERE'S ONE PICTURE YOU HAVEN'T SHOWN ME!
I CAN'T, LOIS! IT'S TOO PERSONAL!
GENERAL BLAIR WAS RIGHT ABOUT HUNT'S MODESTY! HE'S STILL TOLD LOIS NOTHING ABOUT HIS MILITARY CAREER! SHE THINKS HE'S AN ARTIST!


BUT LATER, AS LT. HUNT FALLS ASLEEP AND THE SKETCH DROPS FROM HIS LIMP HAND...
NO WONDER HUNT DIDN'T LET LOIS LOOK AT THIS DRAWING! IT REVEALS HE'S FALLEN IN LOVE WITH HER!
ZZZZ... OH, LOIS... BEAUTIFUL LOIS... ZZZ... YOU'D THINK I WERE MAD IF I TOLD YOU MINE WAS A CASE OF LOVE AT FIRST SIGHT... ZZZ

GREAT CAESAR'S GHOST! HE'S TALKING ABOUT LOIS... IN HIS SLEEP!
I'D ASK YOU TO MARRY ME... BUT HOW CAN I... IN MY CONDITION? ZZZ... BUT I'LL LEAVE EVERYTHING I OWN TO YOU... ALL MY EFFECTS, DEAR LOIS, WHO KNOWS SO LITTLE ABOUT ME!


...HOW CRUEL LIFE IS THAT I CAN'T SAY WHAT'S IN MY HEART! ...ZZZ... IT'S NOT FAIR FOR A DOOMED MAN TO ASK FOR YOUR LOVE, LOIS... ZZZ... YOU'D ONLY CARE FOR ME OUT OF PITY...
LOIS IS ON THE PLANET NIGHT SHIFT THIS EVENING! I MUST PHONE HER TO RUSH OVER AND HEAR THIS!

SOON, AT THE PLANET...
HI, PERRY! CALLING TO COMPLAIN ABOUT THE HOSPITAL FOOD AGAIN?
UGH! DON'T MENTION THEIR MEALS! I CAN'T WAIT TILL I LEAVE SO I CAN EAT SOME DECENT FOOD ONCE MORE! BUT THAT'S NOT WHY I PHONED! I HEARD THAT YOUNG OFFICER, HUNT, TALKING IN HIS SLEEP, AND...
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A HALF HOUR LATER...
THIS WAS... UH... JIMMY'S IDEA, PERRY! HE FIGURED YOU'D ENJOY A GOOD MEAL... SO I STOPPED AT YOUR FAVORITE RESTAURANT, AND... "PRESTO!"
GAD! THAT BOY IS A GENIUS! I'LL RESTORE HIS SALARY CUT AND REPORTER'S JOB FOR THIS! NOW, WHILE I DIG IN, LISTEN TO LT. HUNT! SEE IF I LIED TO YOU...

PRESENTLY, AS LOIS LISTENS...
ZZZ... I'M SO AFRAID OF BEING FLOWN TO DR. RIVERA... ENEMY SABOTEURS MIGHT DESTROY MY PLANE! I KNOW I'D BE SAFE IF SUPERMAN TRANSPORTED ME... ZZZ... BUT HOW CAN I ASK LOIS TO ARRANGE THAT? SHE DOESN'T KNOW I LOVE HER...
PERRY! YOU WEREN'T JOKING! THIS MAN CARES FOR ME!

OF COURSE! WHY ELSE WOULD HE DRAW THIS SKETCH! HE DIDN'T LET YOU SEE IT BECAUSE ALL HIS HOPES AND DREAMS ARE PORTRAYED IN IT! HE'S TOO SHY TO REVEAL HIS TRUE FEELINGS!

BUT LOIS LOVES SUPERMAN... ZZZ ...SO WHY WOULD SHE WANT TO HELP ME?... ZZZ
PERRY! WE MUST GET SUPERMAN TO FLY LT. HUNT TO MEXICO! YOU MUST CONTACT HIM AT ONCE!
YES... AS SOON AS I FINISH THIS WONDERFUL "CHICKEN A LA POULE"!
NEXT MORNING...
I SPOKE TO GENERAL BLAIR LAST NIGHT! HE JETTED DOWN TO MEXICO TO ARRANGE FOR THE OPERATION! THIS IS RIVERA'S ADDRESS...
OKAY... I'VE READ IT WITH MY SUPER-VISION! DON'T WORRY ABOUT HUNT! THIS SPECIAL OXYGEN-FILLED PLASTIC CASE I FASHIONED FOR HIS LEAD-LINED LUNG WILL PROTECT HIM DURING THE FLIGHT!
THAT NIGHT, WHEN LOIS GOES ON DUTY AGAIN...
EVENING, LOIS! MEET MY NEW ROOM-MATE! ANOTHER IRON LUNG CASE! HUNT DID SO WELL HERE, THE HOSPITAL FIGURED HE'LL BE LUCKY, TOO!
HOLY CATS! I-I JUST REMEMBERED SOMETHING! I'LL BE BACK LATER, PERRY!
HOURS LATER, IN AN AIRLINER ON WHICH LOIS' SISTER, LUCY LANE, IS STEWARDESS...
I'M GLAD I WAS ABLE TO GET YOU ABOARD AT THE LAST MINUTE! BUT WHAT IF YOUR HUNCH IS WRONG, LOIS?
I'LL LEARN THE TRUTH SOON ENOUGH WHEN I REACH DR. RIVERA'S OFFICE!
AS LOIS ARRIVES AT DR. RIVERA'S...
HUNT! GASP! YOU'RE NOT SICK!
PAUL! LOOK WHO'S HERE! OUR GUARDIAN ANGEL... LOIS LANE!
DR. RIVERA
IT WAS A HOAX, LOIS! THAT X-RAY "GENERAL BLAIR," ALIAS "DR. RIVERA", SHOWED PERRY WAS A PHONEY! WE'RE THE 14-KARAT GANG! WE HAD A PROBLEM AFTER OUR LAST ROBBERY... HOW TO SMUGGLE THIS LOOT OUT OF THE COUNTRY!
WHEN WE READ THAT WHITE WAS TAKEN TO THE HOSPITAL, WE HID OUR LOOT IN THE IRON LUNG AND CONCEIVED THE IDEA OF TRICKING WHITE INTO ASKING SUPERMAN TO TRANSPORT THE LUNG TO MEXICO! BUT WHEN WE LEARNED YOU WERE A NURSE THERE, LOIS, I PRETENDED TO BE IN LOVE WITH YOU AND TALK IN MY SLEEP TO CON YOU INTO GETTING SUPERMAN TO FLY ME ACROSS THE BORDER! BUT HOW DID YOU GET WISE TO OUR SCHEME?
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WELL, I WAS A BIT SUSPICIOUS WHEN PERRY TOLD ME YOU WERE A SECRET AGENT! THE C.I.A. SCREENS ITS MEN CAREFULLY, SO I KNEW THEY WOULDN'T HIRE A SPY WHO TALKS IN HIS SLEEP! AND YESTERDAY, WHEN THEY WHEELED IN A REAL IRON LUNG CASE, I SUDDENLY REMEMBERED AN IRON LUNG PATIENT ALWAYS HAS HIS ARMS INSIDE THE LUNG, WHILE YOUR ARMS DANGLED OUTSIDE!
SMART GIRL, EH, HUNT? TOO BAD SHE'S GOT TO DIE!
CLICK!

NEXT DAY, AS PERRY WHITE ASKS THE SAME QUESTION...
IT'S SIMPLE, PERRY! YOU SEE, JIMMY OWED ME A FAVOR BECAUSE IT WAS REALLY I WHO THOUGHT OF BRINGING YOU THAT DINNER! SO I ASKED JIMMY TO LEND ME HIS SIGNAL-WATCH IN CASE I NEEDED HELP! WHEN I HIT THE WATER, I PUSHED THE SONIC BUTTON... AND ZEE-ZEE-ZEE... SUPERMAN ARRIVED!
YOU MUST ADMIT LOIS HAS A 14-KARAT TALENT, PERRY! WHAT OTHER VOLUNTEER NURSE COULD TURN THE 14-KARAT GANG'S DREAMS TO FOOL'S GOLD?
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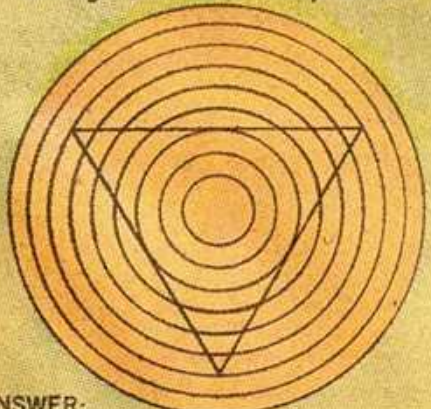

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Letters to Lois

Dear Editor: I enjoyed the recent story, "Superman's Romance With Lana Lane," in which he has to decide whether to save the life of Lana or Lois. I think that Superman decided to save Lana. My reason is that he has known Lana longer and Lana isn't as snoopy as Lois is. She stopped being a pest when she was a teen-ager.

.. Vicki Hill, Grants, N.M.

(So Lana isn't a pest, eh? See if you still think so when you read the next issue and learn how Lana gets Lois accused of murder!—Ed.)

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Dear Editor: I loved your story, "Lois Lane, Hag." It was well planned (as all of the stories are) and the ending sequence, wherein we see Lois drowning, was the most saddening episode of all. Honestly, I didn't know Lana and Superman could possibly be so mean, even if it was a dream. Keep up the good work; I'm with you.

Toni Frazier, Atlantic City, N.J.

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Dear Editor: In the story, "Lois Lane, Hag," on Page 7, Panel 6, you show the famous painting, "Whistler's Mother." But in the real painting there is a curtain in that area. How come?

Dale Clark, Atlanta, Ga.

(Like the previous reader said, this was all a dream . . . and as we all know, dreams are far from accurate.—Ed.)

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Dear Editor: I think you made a boo-boo in the February issue, in the story, "Lois Lane's Romance With Clark Kent." You showed Superman inhaling the dangerous fumes and then streaking up into outer space to exhale them away. So how did Clark Kent get a picture of that feat, when he really is Superman? Goof?

Mike Kadlec, Grand Forks, N.D.

(*You* goofed! In tiny print under the picture (Page 9, Panel 1), you'll see that it reads: "Artist's conception of what Clark Kent saw."—Ed.)

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Dear Editor: Lois Lane gets me good and mad. She won't let any other girl kiss Superman; she thinks she owns him. For example, in the story, "Lois Lane's Romance With Clark Kent," when Lana kisses Superman, Lois faints. It's not right.

Beth Morton, Ledgewood, N.J.

(Well, what would you want Lois to do—applaud? But before you rip into Lois again, see the following letter.—Ed.)

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Dear Editor: I'm thoroughly disgusted with your partisan group of readers, the "Lana Lang lovers." This clique would have you believe that Lois should wear a devil's horns and Lana should wear an angel's halo. Well, I have news for Lana's supporters. I have read many stories in which Lana has attempted to learn Superman's identity. I have also seen several yarns in which Lana fell head-over-heels in love with some muscle man other than the Man of Steel. I'm not claiming that Lana is fickle and irks Superman at times. I'm just trying to establish that Lana has the same faults that Lois has . . . and I don't blame her for acting the way she does. But when will your readers wake up and realize that Lana and Lois both are human, and will continue to react like any girl who is seeking to marry the world's most eligible bachelor—Superman.

Terry Matalon, Tampa, Fla.

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ME WANT MY MOMMY! MOMMY COME BACK!

LANA! WE WERE SO HAPPY TOGETHER! THE BABY AND I NEED YOU... PLEASE COME HOME!

IT'S TOO LATE, **SUPERMAN!** CHOKE! YOU'VE WRECKED OUR MARRIAGE! I NEVER WANT TO SEE YOU AGAIN!

GROAN!! WHY DID I EVER MARRY **SUPERMAN?** HE'S MADE MY LIFE MISERABLE!

ON A SUMMER DAY, AS REPORTER LOIS LANE AND HER FRIEND, LANA LANG, VISIT THE BEACH...

DON'T YOU THINK WATER SKIING IS AN EXCITING SPORT, LANA DEAR?

IT'S THE MOST, LOIS! I JUST LOVE TO SKIM OVER THE WAVES BEHIND A MOTOR BOAT!

WHOM ARE WE KIDDING, LOIS? WE BOTH KNOW THE **REAL** REASON WHY WE'RE HERE!

LET'S FACE IT, LANA! WE BOTH CAME BECAUSE WE HOPE TO SEE OUR DREAM-MAN, **SUPERMAN!**

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AS THE GIRLS GO FOR A BRIEF SPIN, SUDDENLY...
LOOK! SUPERMAN! HE'S BRINGING A NEW TYPE OF SEA-SERPENT TO ADD TO THE AQUARIUM'S COLLECTION!
GASP!! SUCH STRENGTH! HE'S MAGNIFICENT!

BUT LANA'S DAY-DREAM HAS COSTLY RESULTS...

BUT SUPERMAN HAS SEEN THE ACCIDENT! AT SUPER-SPEED HE DELIVERS THE SEA-SERPENT AND STREAKS TO THE RESCUE...

PRESENTLY, ON THE BEACH...

SHE'S STILL OUT! I'M GOING TO TAKE HER TO A DOCTOR!
TAKE HER TO METROPOLIS HOSPITAL AT ONCE! I'M A PART-TIME VOLUNTEER NURSE THERE! LANA IS MY BEST FRIEND, EVEN THOUGH WE'RE RIVALS...CHOKE...AND NOBODY'S GOING TO TAKE CARE OF HER BUT ME!

LATER, AT THE HOSPITAL...
DOCTOR, I'M SO WORRIED! WHY HASN'T SHE RECOVERED CONCIOUSNESS?
IT'S HARD TO TELL, LOIS! SHE SEEMS TO BE FEELING NO PAIN... AND FROM THE SMILE ON HER LIPS, SHE'S PROBABLY HAVING A PLEASANT DREAM!

MUTTER!... OH, SUPERMAN DEAREST! YOU'RE MY HUSBAND AT LAST! IT'S SO THRILLING TO BE MRS. SUPERMAN...
GOOD GRIEF! LISTEN TO HER! I THINK SHE'S DREAMING ABOUT BEING MARRIED TO YOU, SUPERMAN!

YES! IN HER COMA, LANA DREAMS OF HER HEART'S DESIRE COMING TRUE... SUPERMAN'S BRIDE! OH, DEAREST, I'M ECSTATICALLY HAPPY!
AND MY FORTRESS WILL BE OUR HOME, MY DARLING! THAT WAY YOU'LL BE SAFE FROM ALL MY FOES!

AS THE ANXIOUS HOURS SLIP BY, LANA'S FRIENDS WAIT AT HER BEDSIDE...
MUMBLE... OUR OWN HOME AT LAST! KISS ME, SUPERMAN, DARLING!
THIS IS A SERIOUS PROBLEM! SHE DOESN'T SHOW THE SLIGHTEST DESIRE TO WAKE UP AND LEAVE HER DELIGHTFUL DREAM WORLD! BUT IF HER COMA IS PROLONGED, THERE MAY BE BRAIN DAMAGE!

SHE'LL STAY UNCONSCIOUS INDEFINITELY... THE ONLY WAY THE COMA WILL END IS IF SHE BECOMES UNHAPPY WITH HER DELUSIONS! CALL ME IF THERE'S ANY CHANGE, LOIS!
HMM... I THINK I KNOW HOW TO SNAP HER OUT OF IT... BY THE POWER OF SUGGESTION!

AS THE DOCTOR LEAVES, LOIS EXPLAINS HER PLAN...
YOU PRETEND TO TELL HER YOUR SECRET IDENTITY... TELL HER YOU'RE REALLY SOME WEAK, TIMID CHARACTER THAT SHE HOLDS IN CONTEMPT... SOMEONE LIKE CLARK KENT!
HMM... THAT SHOULD SHOCK LANA OUT OF HER COMA, ALL RIGHT!
IF LOIS ONLY KNEW HOW CLOSE SHE WAS TO THE TRUTH!

AS SUPERMAN PUTS LOIS' PLAN TO WORK...
I'LL USE A SUPER-WHISPER TO PENETRATE HER UNCONSCIOUS MIND! ONCE MY VOICE IS THAT OF HER "HUSBAND" IT SHOULD BLEND EASILY INTO HER DREAM!
LANA, DARLING! NOW THAT WE'RE MARRIED, IT'S TIME TO REVEAL MY SECRET IDENTITY... MY SECRET IDENTITY... MY SECRET IDENTITY!

AS THE SUPER-WHISPERS RESHAPE LANA'S DREAMS...
SINCE MY FOES CAN NEVER DISCOVER OUR FORTRESS HOME AND THREATEN YOU, IT'S SAFE TO REVEAL MY OTHER IDENTITY! I'LL CHANGE IN THE NEXT ROOM AND SURPRISE YOU!
OH, SUPERMAN! HOW EXCITING! I'M DYING WITH CURIOSITY TO FIND OUT WHO YOU REALLY ARE!

SECONDS LATER, AS THE DOOR OPENS...
CLARK KENT! OF ALL PEOPLE!
YES, CLARK KENT... THE PUNY WEAKLING THAT NO GIRL WOULD EVER MARRY!

BUT SUPERMAN'S SCHEME FAILS, AS...
CLARK, HOW CLEVER OF YOU! I'VE GOT TO GIVE YOU CREDIT FOR THE WAY YOU FOOLED ME ALL THOSE YEARS WHEN WE WERE TEEN-AGERS IN SMALLVILLE!
GREAT KRYPTON! MY PLAN FAILED! SHE ACTUALLY ADMIRES ME FOR THE WAY I USED TO TRICK HER! HOW CAN I MAKE HER DREAM SO UNHAPPY THAT SHE'LL WAKE UP?

WAIT! I HAVE AN ANGLE! AS A MARRIED COUPLE, YOU AND LANA MIGHT HAVE A SUPER-BABY! SUPPOSE THAT CHILD WERE A MISCHIEF-MAKER AND GAVE HER TROUBLE?
...A KIND OF SUPER-BRAT, EH? YOU MAY HAVE SOMETHING THERE, LOIS! WE'LL TRY IT!

ONCE AGAIN SUPERMAN TRIES TO MAKE LANA'S DREAM UNHAPPY...
LANA, DEAR... PLEASE KEEP YOUR EYE ON OUR SON! THE LITTLE SCAMP HAS BEEN MISBEHAVING LATELY!
OUR SON... YES! HE'S GETTING TO BE A LITTLE DEMON... ALWAYS IN TROUBLE! MUMBLE...!

IN LANA'S DREAM-WORLD, SHE IS NOW THE MOTHER OF A SUPER-SON...
LOOK, MOMMY! ME MAKE GIANT SNOWMAN!
YE GODS! WHAT NOW? THAT CHILD HAS BROUGHT TONS OF SNOW INTO THE FORTRESS, AND I HAVEN'T GOT SUPER-POWERS... I'M FREEZING!

YOU HEARD ME, YOU LITTLE SUPER-PEST! GET RID OF THAT MESSY SNOWMAN AT ONCE! AND I MEAN FAST!
OKAY, MOMMY! ME USE HEAT VISION AND MELT HIM!

BUT AN INSTANT LATER...
OH, NO! THAT MELTED SNOW-MAN IS FLOODING THE ENTIRE FORTRESS! GROAN! JUST LET ME LAY MY HANDS ON THAT KID!
HA, HA! ME GET RID OF SNOWMAN FAST, JUST LIKE MOMMY SAYS!

HEE! HEE! ME FLY AWAY! MOMMY CAN'T CATCH ME!
LUCKY FOR YOU, YOU CAN FLY LIKE YOUR FATHER! BUT I'LL SETTLE WITH YOU WHEN YOU GET BACK, YOU SUPER-BRAT!
GULP! I'D BETTER GO INSIDE BEFORE THIS ARCTIC AIR FREEZES ME SOLID!

BUT THE SUPER-TOT SOON REAPPEARS, AND...
LOOK, MOMMY! PLEASE NOT BE MAD ANY MORE! ME BRING YOU NICE NEW PET!
GOOD GRIEF! A POLAR BEAR! EEEEE!

HELP! GET THAT HORRID BEAST OUT OF HERE, YOU LITTLE DEMON!
DON'T WORRY, MOMMY! NICE BEAR WON'T HURT YOU! ME TAKE HIM OUTSIDE!
ROWWRRR!

LATER, AS LANA TRIES TO PUNISH HER SUPER-SON...
WHAT'S THE USE OF PADDLING HIM? I'VE SPLINTERED EVERY HAIRBRUSH IN THE FORTRESS ON HIM, BUT HE'S INVULNERABLE!
DO IT MORE, MOMMY, IT TICKLES!
THUD
WHACK

IN HER SLEEP, LANA SIGHS DESPERATELY...
MUTTER!... THAT CHILD IS MORE THAN FLESH AND BLOOD CAN STAND! I'M HEADED FOR A NERVOUS BREAK-DOWN, I TELL YOU! MUMBLE...
SMART THINKING, SUPERMAN RUINING HER DREAM WAS A DIRTY TRICK, BUT NOW THAT SHE'S UNHAPPY, SHE'S BOUND TO SNAP OUT OF HER COMA!

BUT HOW WRONG YOU ARE, LOIS! FOR LANA IS FAR FROM READY TO GIVE UP HER DREAM...
THE LITTLE SWEETHEART IS FINALLY ASLEEP! JUST THINK... SOME DAY HE'LL FOLLOW IN IN HIS HANDSOME DADDY'S FOOTSTEPS AND BECOME SUPERMAN II!

RAISING A SUPER-BABY IS THE HARDEST JOB IN THE WORLD, BUT IT'S WORTH THE TROUBLE JUST BEING SUPERMAN'S WIFE! I'M PROUD OF MY SON!
GULP! WHAT DO WE DO NOW, LOIS? WE JUST CAN'T SEEM TO MAKE HER DREAM-WORLD UNHAPPY!
I'VE GOT ONE LAST IDEA! BUT YOU'LL HAVE TO STEP OUT OF THE ROOM FOR A FEW MOMENTS, SUPERMAN!

AS SUPERMAN LEAVES... I'VE GOT ONE SURE-FIRE GIMMICK THAT'S CERTAIN TO MAKE LANA UNHAPPY... HER JEALOUS LOVE FOR SUPERMAN!
LANA! BEWARE OF LOIS... SHE STILL LOVES YOUR HUSBAND, SUPERMAN! SHE'LL TAKE HIM FROM YOU... BEWARE OF LOIS...

LOIS' WHISPERED SUGGESTIONS GIVE LANA'S DREAMS A DRAMATIC TWIST...
SUPERMAN! SUPERMAN! HELP! HELP!
OH-OH! MY LOIS-LANE MONITOR DETECTS A DISTRESS CALL FROM LOIS! GOODBYE, DARLING!
LOIS LANE! THAT CAT IS ALWAYS GETTING INTO SCRAPES SO THAT MY HUSBAND CAN SAVE HER! AND I KNOW JUST WHAT SHE'S UP TO!

PRESENTLY, ON THE FORTRESS MASTER MONITOR SCREEN...
THANK HEAVENS YOU CAME IN TIME, SUPERMAN! MY HELICOPTER CRASHED RIGHT IN THE MIDST OF THAT SCHOOL OF SHARKS!
A LIKELY STORY! THAT HUSSY PROBABLY PLANNED THE WHOLE THING!
MOMENTS LATER...
YOU BRAVE, HANDSOME, WONDERFUL MAN! AS YOUR REWARD, I'M GOING TO KISS YOU!
JUST LOOK AT THAT WOLF! HE'S PRETENDING TO BE SURPRISED BY HER KISS! BUT HE CERTAINLY SEEMS TO BE ENJOYING IT!
GOODBYE, SUPERMAN DEAR! SEE YOU SOON... WHEN I GET INTO TROUBLE AGAIN!
THAT MISERABLE HEEL! WHILE I STAY AT HOME COOKING, CLEANING, AND MINDING THE BABY, HE'S HAVING A BALL CHASING AROUND AFTER LOIS LANE! JUST WAIT TILL HE GETS HOME!
LATER... AND JUST HOW LONG DO YOU INTEND TO GO ON SEEING LOIS LANE BEHIND MY BACK? ANSWER ME, YOU WORM!
BUT, LANA DARLING, WHEN YOU QUIT YOUR JOB AS A TV REPORTER BEFORE MARRYING ME, LOIS WAS HIRED IN YOUR PLACE!
HUNTING DOWN SCOOPS OFTEN GETS LOIS IN RISKY SITUATIONS, AND IT'S MY JOB TO SAVE HER! YOU'VE GOT NO REASON TO BE JEALOUS! AFTER ALL, IT WAS YOU I MARRIED!
HMM! HE'S RIGHT! POOR LOIS! IT MUST BE AWFUL FOR HER TO REALIZE THAT SUPERMAN IS MINE FOREVER!
YOU'RE RIGHT, DEAR! I WON'T BE JEALOUS OF LOIS AGAIN! AFTER ALL, I'M MUCH PRETTIER THAN SHE IS, ISN'T THAT SO, DEAR?
ER... I WAS PLAYING WITH THE BABY AND DIDN'T HEAR YOU! WHAT DID YOU SAY, LOIS, DEAR?
HA, HA, HA!

LOIS, DEAR, IS IT? I HAPPEN TO BE LANA! YOU TWO-TIMING SKUNK! SHE'S CONSTANTLY ON YOUR MIND! SOB! SOB! YOU'VE BROKEN MY HEART! ½ CHOKE! ½
AT THAT INSTANT...
YOU'VE SHATTERED MY LIFE, YOU DOUBLE-CROSSING...ER... LOIS... WHERE AM I? HOW DID I GET HERE?
MY JEALOUSY ANGLE WORKED! SHE SNAPPED OUT OF HER COMA AT LAST!
SOON, AS THE DOOR OPENS...
LANA! SHE'S RECOVERED CONSCIOUSNESS! HOW DID YOU JOLT HER OUT OF HER DREAM WORLD? HOW DID YOU MAKE HER UNHAPPY?
ER... THAT'S MY SECRET, SUPERMAN!
LATER, AS SUPERMAN STREAKS AWAY...
WHY DID I EVER WAKE UP? TO THINK--I COULD HAVE HAD SUPERMAN FOR KEEPS--IN MY DREAM!
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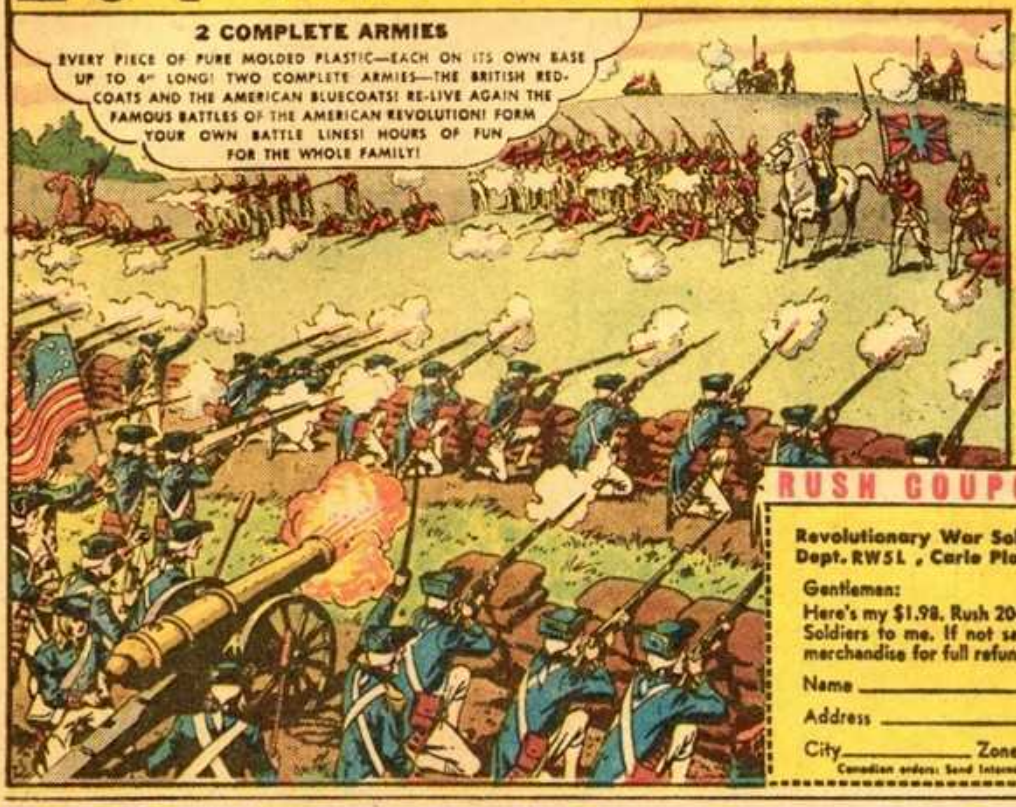
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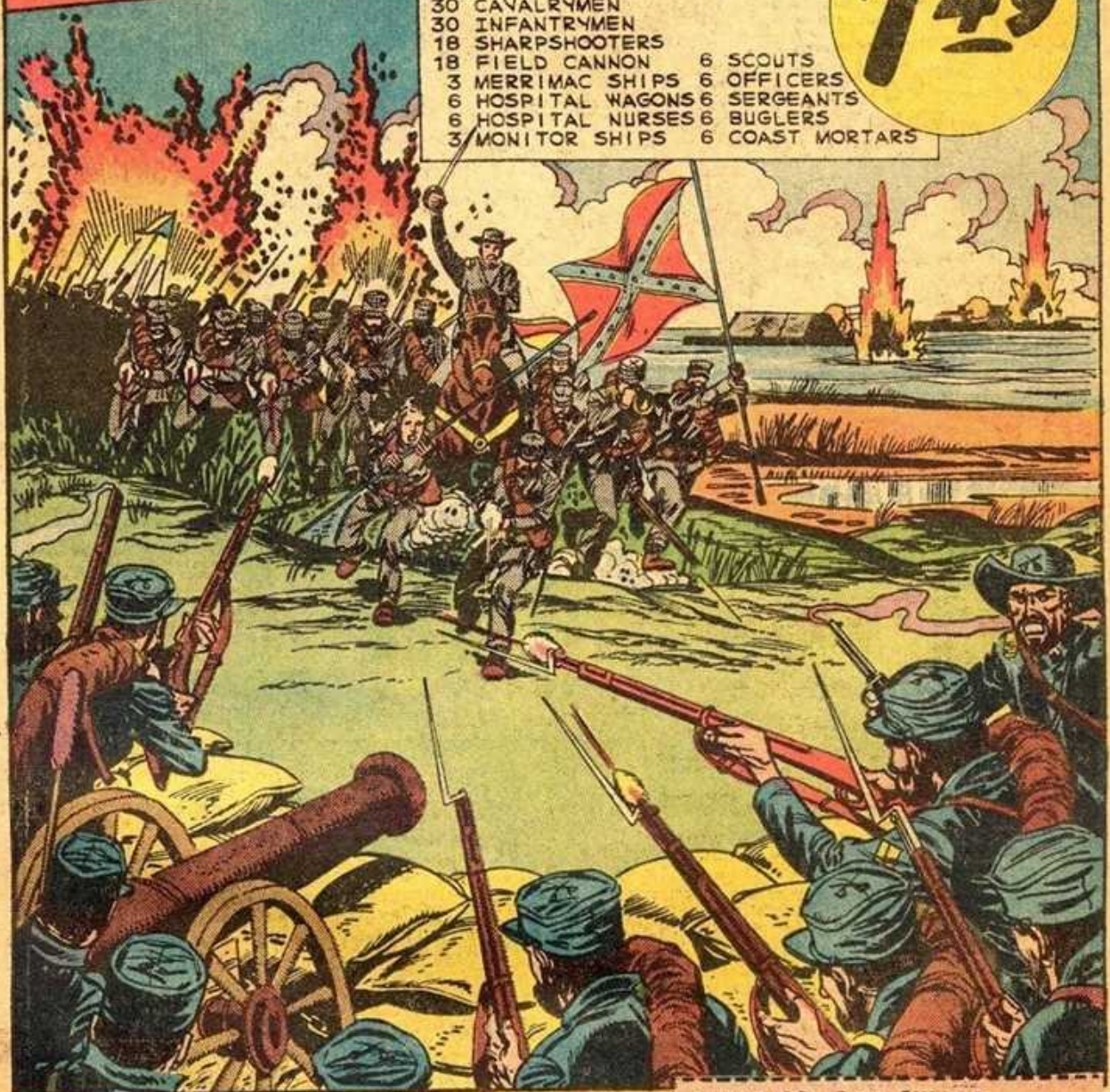

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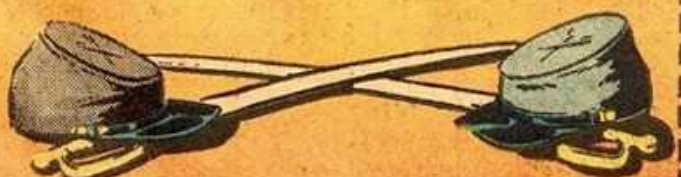

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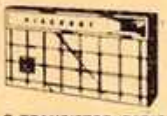
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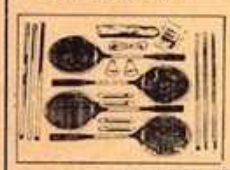
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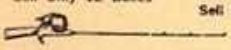
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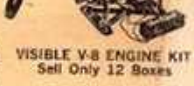
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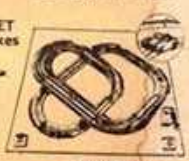
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